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Method Of Producing A Wafer Product, Assembly For Implementing The Method, And Wafer Product Produced

According To The Method

Examiner

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Art Unit: 1761

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-6, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-6 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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